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RE: Public Records Request for Four Years of Records Related to Facial Recognition

Dear Aaron Swartz Day Police Surveillance Project,

On January 17, 2019, a 14-day extension (February 1, 2019) was requested by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office related to your public records request for four years of records related to facial recognition software and equipment. Below are the listed items and response.

Number, if any, of facial recognition software or facial recognition-enabled equipment in place with this department or agency. Please specify if software has been purchased or if services are performed by outside contractors for the department or agency.

Vigilant, a private company, provides facial recognition software accessible via department mobile phones and workstation.

Any documents or correspondence during the period encompassing this request regarding possible or planned acquisition of facial recognition software packages, facial recognition-enabled equipment or service agreements.

The request for correspondence requires an electronic keyword search and review of any possible responsive documents. The County of Ventura is authorized to assess a fee of \$24.00 per hour for responses to public records requests which consume more than 2 hours of staff-time. Please advise if you want to proceed with this portion of the request.

Any existing or proposed usage policies regarding the use of facial recognition software or facial recognition-enabled equipment, including protocols, training documents, data storage procedures or prohibited activities.

There are no responsive documents.

Any current or past litigation involving or referencing this department or agency involving the use of facial recognition software or facial recognition-enabled equipment.

There are no responsive documents.

This response was crafted by S. Snow, Sheriff's Manager – Records and researched by Captain Schierman, Special Services.

Regards,

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